

make arrangements whereby, during their absence reasonable discipline may be preserved and no chance of revolt against authority or private altercations arise, lest these bring the Church into great disgrace.

" On the other matters at issue, I wish the enquiry be full and complete, and an end to be reached,* a hope it may be, when all those who are known to be in variance meet together in person. The quarrel must thus come to its natural and timely conclusion.

" For as I am well assured that you are a worshiper of the supreme God, I confess to your Excellency that I consider it by no means lawful for me to ignore disputes and quarrels of such a nature as may excite the supreme Divinity to wrath, not only against the human race but against myself personally, into whose charge the Divinity by its Divine will has committed the governance of that which is on earth. In its just indignation, it might decide some ill against me.

" And then only can I feel really and absolutely secure, and hope for an unfailing supply of all the richest blessings that flow from the instant goodness of Almighty God, when I shall see all mankind reverend must Holy God in brotherly singleness of worship and the lawful rites of our Catholic religion,"

Not only did Constantine write in this evidence sincere strain to the proconsul of Africa; he also sent personal letters to the bishops whose presence he desired. Eusebius has preserved the text of one of these, which was addressed

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